REMARKS

Claims 2-5 and 7-16 were pending. Claims 2-5 and 7-12 stand rejected, and Claims 13-15 were allowed. Claims 2-6, and 16 are amended herein. Claims 17-18 have been added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate Examiner's allowance of Claims 13-15. Applicants added new independent Claim 17 which is a method claim and includes the same limitations in method form as independent claim 13. Thus, no new matter has been introduced in the new Claim 17. New Claim 18 is dependent on Claim 17 and includes the limitations of original submitted Claim 1. Applicants amended Claims 2-6 to be in dependent form and refer to new claim 18.

Extension of Time

Applicants submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time (One-Month).

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe there are no additional fees due at this time; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2545.

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